

When There's a Will, There's a Way



As the City tries to adjust from the recent budget and staff reductions due to the failure of Prop H, the Telecommunication Utility Tax (TUT), one popular library program was put on hiatus. Pajama Storytime for children at the EastLake Library was postponed. The library staff had to tell little ones who arrived in their pjs, there was no Storytime.

One evening after two staff members explained the situation to several pajama-clad kids—something unusual happened. The librarians heard talking down the hall and upon investigating, found one of the Storytime regulars, Ava Rettig, age 6, sitting up on a bench. She was presenting Storytime to eight little ones herself. Earlier when Ava asked why there was no more Storytime, her father, Ron Rettig, explained how there was less money now, and everyone had to help out. So Ava decided to take matters into her own hands and brought a big bag of books from home to read to the other children. Way to go, Ava!

News from the CVPD

Officers from the Chula Vista Police Department will soon be wearing a new badge commemorating the City Centennial. The badge is a combination of the original star and the modern shield and was paid for by the Chula Vista Police Foundation.



The CVP Foundation, which is formalizing its goals for the future, funds essential CVPD equipment and programs that are not included in the City budget. Currently, the foundation is raising money to sponsor a police K9. If you are interested in donating or getting involved, please call the Chula Vista Police Department at (619) 691-5150.

On May 5, the Chula Vista Police Department will be honoring police officers and community members during its 19th Annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony to be held at Chula Vista Police headquarters.

Golf Anyone?

The Recreation Department's Adult Sports Division will be offering a Co-ed Golf League for the summer season. Get your team of four or more players together and join us at Chula Vista golf courses every Monday for 14 weeks, beginning May 2.

The registration fee is \$180 per team, but does not include weekly green fees paid directly to the courses. Tee off time is 4:30 p.m. Contact Tim Farmer, Recreation Supervisor II, at (619) 409-5893 for more information and to register.

Did You Know...

Bravo to the City of Chula Vista!

Chula Vista is once again being recognized for its "Clean & Green" efforts! The City was recently selected by the California Sustainability Alliance, a statewide public-private partnership which promotes energy efficiency and complementary sustainability initiatives. Chula Vista was chosen due to its success in developing policies and community programs to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy, foster alternative fuel vehicle use, improve water use efficiency, and design walk-able, transit friendly communities.

The Truth About Plastic Bags

On the surface, plastic grocery bags seem like a great convenience, behind the scenes they are not as convenient as they appear. **Here are some facts:**

- The energy equivalent to one thousand barrels of oil is consumed daily to meet California's demand for plastic bags.
- Southern California cities have spent more than \$1.7 billion to restore contaminated waterways.
- Plastic bags are dangerous to sea turtles that mistake them for their main food source, jellyfish.

What can you do?

- Reduce or eliminate plastic bag use by using reusable bags.
- Reuse plastic shopping bags as garbage can liners or for pet waste clean up.
- Recycle bags using the "Take-Back" program offered at neighborhood supermarkets and pharmacies.



Upcoming Events



State of the City Address

Mayor Cheryl Cox will deliver her State of the City address on **Tuesday, March 15 at 6 pm**. The event will be held in Council Chambers at 276 Fourth Avenue.

Cesar Chavez Day

The City of Chula Vista offices will be closed on **Thursday, March 31** in observance of Cesar Chavez Day. Closures include all City recreation centers, pools, and libraries.

Chula Vista Centennial Day at Petco Park

All are welcome to celebrate Chula Vista Centennial Day on **Sunday, April 10** to watch the Padres take on the Dodgers.

Purchase tickets online by March 10 at www.chulavista100.com for special discounted pricing. Free Centennial T-shirts and goodie bags with the first 500 tickets sold.

Contacts

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Animal Control 476-2476
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Volunteering 691-5000
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City Clerk

691-5041

City Manager/Administration

Main Line 691-5031
Communications/Media Relations 691-5296

Code Enforcement

691-5280

Development Services

Land Development 691-5024
Building 691-5272
Planning 691-5101
Small Business Services 691-5248
Economic Development 409-5870
Redevelopment & Housing 691-5047
[Redev. & Housing Online](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

Finance

Main Line 691-5250
Purchasing 691-5141
[Business Lic. Online](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

Fire

Emergency 911
Main Line 691-5055
Prevention Division 691-5029
[Prevention Online](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

Human Resources

Main Line 691-5096
Job Hotline 691-5095
Volunteering 691-5000

Library

Civic Center Branch 691-5069
South Branch 585-5755
EastLake Branch 397-3980
Volunteering 691-5000
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Mayor & City Council

691-5044

Nature Center

[Nature Center Online](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

Police

Emergency 911
Report Crime/Dispatch 691-5151
[Report Crime Online](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

Public Works

Conservation Division 409-3893
CLEAN Business Program 691-5122
[CLEAN Program Online](#) [CLICK HERE](#)
Environmental Services 691-5122
Engineering 691-5021
Graffiti Hotline 691-5198
Graffiti IN PROGRESS 911
Household Hazard. Waste 691-5122
[Park Reservations Online](#) [CLICK HERE](#)
Storm Water Hotline 397-6000
Recycling/Solid Waste 691-5122
Service Requests 397-6000
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Recreation

Administration 409-5979
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CV Woman's Club 691-5083
Heritage Center 421-7032
Loma Verde Center 691-5082
Loma Verde Pool 691-5081
Monteville Center 691-5269
Norman Park Center 691-5086
Otay Center 476-5325
Parkway Center 691-5083
Parkway Pool 691-5088
Parkway Gym 691-5084
Salt Creek Center 585-5739
Veterans Center 691-5260